

REMARKS:

At the time of the Office Action, claims 2-20 were pending. Claims 2, 5-8 and 15-20 stand allowed, claims 4 and 14 have been found to contain allowable subject matter, and claims 3 and 9-13 stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 3 and 9 have been amended, and claims 4 and 14 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 5-13 and 15-20 remain pending.

Allowance of claims 2, 5-8 and 15-20 is noted with thanks.

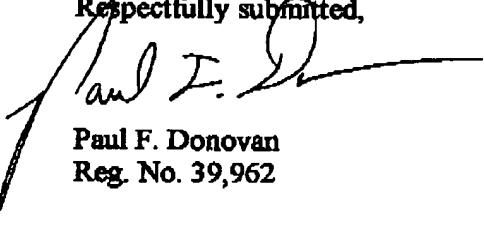
Claims 3 and 9-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seron (U.S. Patent No. 2,877,598) in view of Petrie (U.S. Patent No. 1,748,460). Claims 4 and 14 have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the art of record, so as to simply put this application into condition for allowance, claims 3 and 9 have been amended to include limitations previously found in objected to, now cancelled, claims 4 and 14, respectively.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments and remarks made herein. Reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any remaining issues that can be addressed and expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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